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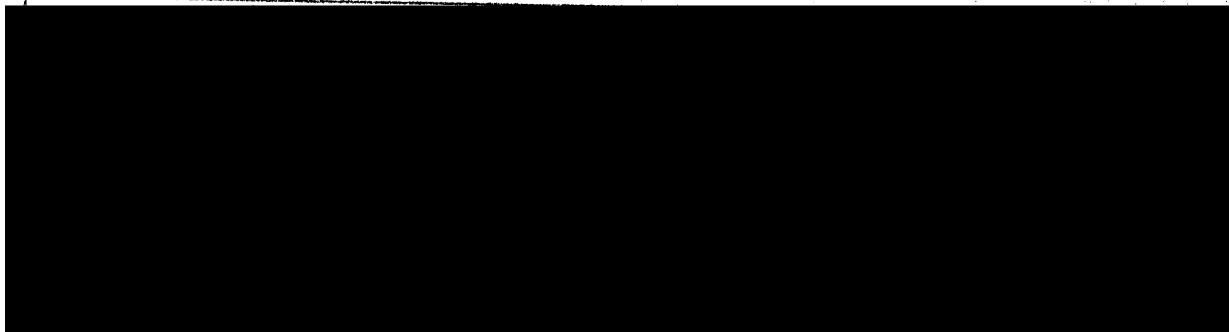
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1. There was an airfield about 550 x 1,000 meters at the northwestern perimeter of Stalingrad (40°45'N/44°25'E), near a workers' settlement. A concrete runway, a hanger and some wooden buildings housed the airfield administration offices and the weather station were seen in the southern part of the field. Air-force soldiers were quartered in a two-story building about 50 meters from the edge of the field.
2. The field was a training installation for a parachute unit. The soldiers of the unit, which had a strength of 350 to 450 men, wore parachute insignia on the left or right breast. The field was occupied by 15 to 20 biplanes, from which individual parachute jumps were made daily in the early evening. There was no night flying.
3. There was another airfield about 10 km southwest of Stalingrad, east of the highway to Boketovka, (40°35'N/44°02'E). Two large hangars stood at the northern edge of the field, which was 1,000 x 2,000 meters. A concrete taxiway connected to a runway 600 meters long extended in front of the hangars. Small wooden houses built along the approach road at the western edge of the installation served as quartering facilities. A brick building in the northeastern corner housed the airfield administration and the radio station. A radio tower was 600 to 700 meters east of the field.
4. The field was a military installation occupied by 10 to 15 single-engine single-seat fighters with in-line engines and elliptical wings; 10 to 15 biplanes; five to six new single-engine training aircraft, low-wing monoplanes fitted with radial engines, fixed landing gears and two open seats; some twin-engine and four-engine bombers; and some twin-engine Douglas planes. In good weather up to 10 planes were seen aloft at the same time.

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